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WESTERN DIOCESE OF
LOUISIANA ORGANIZED

ALEXANDRIA, La. -- Delegates to the primary convention of the newly formed Episcopal diocese in Louisiana have selected a name for their jurisdiction: the Episcopal Church in the Western Diocese of Louisiana.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church gave approval in September to the division of the Diocese of Louisiana and the new body was formally organized at its first convention, Oct. 11-12, at St. James' Church, Alexandria.

The convention also gave approval to a new constitution and canons and elected a standing committee to serve as the ecclesiastical authority until the election of a bishop.

The Atchafalaya River separates the two dioceses. The Western Diocese of Louisiana includes the entire western and northern sections of the state, with 41 civil parishes (counties), 30 church parishes, 13 missions and 43 priests. Communicants number 13,000. The continuing Diocese of Louisiana, whose see city is New Orleans, has 53 parishes/missions and 15,800 communicants.

The Rt. Rev. James Barrow Brown announced to the General Convention in Denver that he will remain the bishop of the continuing Diocese of Louisiana. He has served in that post since 1976.

Bishop Brown presided at the Primary Convention and the Rt. Rev. David E. Richards, Director of the Office of Pastoral Development, was guest preacher.

The new diocese will meet in convention Feb. 8-9 in Bossier City. At that time details for the election of a bishop will be worked out. The new bishop will select the see city, which may be the centrally located Alexandria.

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WESTERN DIocese OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ALBANY, N.Y. — Delegates to the primary and senior of the newly formed
Episcopal diocese in Albany have selected a name for their new diocese. The K. Bishop
Church in the Western diocese of Albany.
The General Convention of the Episcopal Church gave authority to the Western
division of the Diocese of Albany and the new body was formally organized at
the first meeting of the 12-13 at St. James' Church, Albany.
The convention also gave authority to a new cathedral, the Western and that of a
standing committee to act as the cathedral authority until the election of a bishop.
The Albany River separates the two dioceses. The Western diocese of
Albany includes the entire Western and Southern portions of the state, with 41
parishes, including 30 church buildings, 12 parishes and 12 parishes. The Western
diocese, 12,000. The standing Bureau of Albany, which was set in New Orleans,
has 25 parishes, including 12,000 parishes.
The Rt. Rev. James Bishop, Bishop of the Albany diocese, in Albany
that he will remain the Bishop of the Western diocese of Albany. The new diocese
that was set in 1978.
Bishop James Bishop, Bishop of the Western diocese and the Rt. Rev. David A.
Bishop, Bishop of the Western diocese, will lead the new diocese.
The new diocese will meet in November 1978-79 in Albany City. At that time
details for the election of a bishop will be worked out. The new bishop will select the
see city, which may be the cathedral of Albany.
